

Amendments to the Claims:

The following claims will replace all prior versions of the claims in this application (in the unlikely event that no claims follow herein, the previously pending claims will remain):

1. (Currently Amended) A method for performing an inter-packet data service node (PDSN) soft handoff, comprising the steps of:

(a) setting up a channel passing through a target base station controller (T-BSC), a source base station controller (S-BSC), a source packet control function (S-PCF) and a source-PDSN (S-PDSN) by establishing a direct channel link between the S-BSC and the T-BSC in an active packet session mode;

(b) performing a handoff between the S-BSC, the T-BSC and a mobile station (MS) while in the active mode;

(c) transmitting or receiving user packet data exchanged between the MS, and the S-BSC and the T-BSC to or from the S-PDSN through the established channel link; and

(d) sending or receiving user packet data exchanged between the MS and the T-BSC to or from the S-PDSN through the established channel link when the handoff is completed;

(e) establishing a channel link between the T-BSC, a target packet control function (T-PCF) and a target-PDSN (T-PDSN) in a dormant packet session mode;

(f) releasing the channel link set up between the S-BSC, the S-PCF and the S-PDSN;

(g) releasing the channel link established between the S-BSC and the T-BSC, which is established in the step (a); and

(h) performing a point-to-point (PPP) establishing process and a mobile Internet protocol (MIP) registering process between the MS and the T-PDSN,

wherein, in the step (c), one of packet data transmitted from the MS to the S-PDSN through the S-BSC and the T-BSC is selected and transmitted to a wireless packet data service network.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the channel link established between the S-BSC and the T-BSC is an A3 channel link set up by transmitting an A7 Handoff Request message from the S-BSC to the T-BSC.